

House Study Bill 626 - Introduced

HOUSE FILE _____
BY (PROPOSED COMMITTEE
ON JUDICIARY BILL BY
CHAIRPERSON BALTIMORE)

A BILL FOR

1 An Act relating to grounds for termination of parental rights
2 of an individual relative to sexual abuse.
3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

1 Section 1. Section 232.116, subsection 1, Code 2016, is
2 amended by adding the following new paragraph:

3 NEW PARAGRAPH. *p.* The court finds there is clear and
4 convincing evidence that the child was conceived as the result
5 of sexual abuse as defined in section 709.1, and the biological
6 parent against whom the sexual abuse was perpetrated requests
7 termination of the parental rights of the biological parent who
8 perpetrated the sexual abuse.

9 EXPLANATION

10 The inclusion of this explanation does not constitute agreement with
11 the explanation's substance by the members of the general assembly.

12 This bill provides as one of the grounds for termination of
13 parental rights under Code chapter 232 (juvenile justice) that
14 the court finds there is clear and convincing evidence that
15 the child was conceived as the result of sexual abuse, and the
16 biological parent against whom the sexual abuse was perpetrated
17 requests termination of the parental rights of the biological
18 parent who perpetrated the sexual abuse.